

# WESTERN STATES TRADITIONAL RENDEZVOUS HISTORY and TRADITIONS

In the late 1980s, the NORTH AMERICAN LONGBOW SAFARI brought together enthusiasts of the longbow. After attending the 1988 SAFARI in Fox, Oregon, a traditional bowyer believed that the recurve bow was deserving of similar attention. That bowyer was Jim Brackenbury and he had a vision to bestow similar honors and recognition on the recurve bow and thus, WESTERN STATES TRADITIONAL RENDEZVOUS was founded.

The first Western States Traditional Rendezvous (WSTR) was held in 1989 near Dorris, California. Kurt Phillips enlisted the help of a friend and local rancher, Don Micka, TAO LIFETIME #8. To host the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> WSTR. They were so popular that California archers insisted on hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rendezvous.

Looking back in time, it is believed that Jim's vision was to also unite, strengthen and organize traditional archers in each state by working together on a common goal. The event would be hosted by these fledgling traditional archery groups and resulted in the formation of state wide organizations such as the TRADITIONAL ARCHERS OF OREGON, Est: 1984. These organizations became the catalyst to work with wildlife agencies in their respective states and promoting traditional archery. Participation in WSTR events among these states provides the cross-pollination to further grow traditional archery as a sound wildlife management tool providing agencies with minimum resource impact while maximizing recreational value.

## 2022 RENDEZVOUS "HISTORY & TRADITIONS" EVENTS

### **BOW DISPLAY:**

Bring any and all of your original **JIM BRACKENBURY BOW(S)** to display and share with all event participants. Wes Wallace will be on hand to provide information, answer questions and validate bows used in competitive events. We would welcome your **HERO PHOTO (S)** taken with your Brackenbury bow (please protect them with frame or sheet protector so you can continue to enjoy them later).

### **PHOTO CONTEST:**

Right up front – NO CAMERA REQUIRED! You will enjoy the memories from back when Jim Brackenbury was busy building bows, hunting and promoting the idea of traditional archery when the compound bow was beginning its quest to make it easier and taking the fun out of archery. All registered shooters are welcome to join this fun event with a chance to win a special prize. To learn more and participate in this event stop in at **CUSTOM BOWS** by **WES WALLACE** on vendor's row.

### **COMPETITION:**

There will be a **MONEY SHOOT** on Saturday morning for all interested shooters with an entry fee of \$5.00. Registered shooters that would like to participate, using their Jim Brackenbury Bow, will be grouped together for a challenging, 15 target, 3-D shoot. You will be eligible to compete and win the pot and the winner using a Brackenbury Bow will be eligible to win a special prize.

